

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1394

Introduced by Assembly Member Bass

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Sections 15002 and 15003 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to workforce investment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1394, as introduced, Bass. California Workforce Investment Board: Green Collar Jobs Council.

Existing law establishes the California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB), and requires the board to establish a committee known as the Green Collar Jobs Council (GCJC), comprised of specified members, and requires the GCJC to perform certain functions and duties, including the development of a strategic initiative, relating to the training and development of a skilled workforce to meet the needs of California's emerging green economy.

This bill would authorize the GCJC to accept any revenues, moneys, grants, goods, or services from federal and state governmental entities, local philanthropic organizations, and other sources, to be used for purposes relating to the administration and implementation of the strategic initiative. The bill would require the GCJC to confer with appropriate state and local agencies to coordinate the award of specified federal grant funds and green workforce training funds received by the state, and to make a finding that a proposed program or expenditure is consistent with the purposes of the above-described initiative, prior to authorizing the expenditure of funds made available to the state pursuant to The Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 15002 of the Unemployment Insurance
2 Code is amended to read:
3 15002. (a) The California Workforce Investment Board
4 (CWIB) shall establish a special committee known as the Green
5 Collar Jobs Council (GCJC), comprised of the appropriate
6 representatives from the CWIB existing membership, including
7 the K–12 representative, the California Community Colleges
8 representative, the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
9 representative, the Employment Development Department
10 representative, and other appropriate members. The CWIB may
11 call on other state agencies, other higher education representatives,
12 and industry representatives as well as philanthropic,
13 nongovernmental, and environmental groups as appropriate and
14 necessary to serve as consultants to the GCJC in the development
15 of this strategic initiative.
16 (b) As part of the strategic initiative the GCJC shall identify
17 and develop the framework, funding, strategies, programs, policies,
18 partnerships, and opportunities necessary to address the growing
19 need for a highly skilled and well-trained workforce to meet the
20 needs of California’s emerging green economy. The GCJC shall
21 do all of the following:
22 (1) Assist in identifying and linking green collar job
23 opportunities with workforce development training opportunities
24 in local workforce investment areas (LWIAs), encouraging regional
25 collaboration among LWIAs to meet regional economic demands.
26 (2) Develop public, private, philanthropic, and nongovernmental
27 partnerships to build and expand the state’s workforce development
28 programs, network, and infrastructure.
29 (3) Provide policy guidance for job training programs in the
30 clean and green technology sectors to assist and prepare specific
31 populations, such as at-risk youth, displaced workers, veterans,
32 formerly incarcerated individuals, and others facing barriers to
33 employment.

1 (4) Develop, collect, interpret, and distribute statewide and
2 regional labor market data on California's new and emerging green
3 industries workforce needs, trends, and job growth.

4 (5) Identify funding resources and make recommendations on
5 how to expand and leverage these funds.

6 (6) Foster regional collaboratives in the green economic sector.

7 *(c) The GCJC may accept any revenues, moneys, grants, goods,*
8 *or services from federal and state public entities, local*
9 *philanthropic organizations, and other sources, to be used for*
10 *purposes relating to the administration and implementation of the*
11 *strategic initiative, as described in Subdivision (b).*

12 SEC. 2. Section 15003 of the Unemployment Insurance Code
13 is amended to read:

14 15003. (a) On or before April 1, 2009, and *annually* each April
15 ~~1-yearly~~ thereafter, the CWIB shall report to the Legislature on
16 the status of GCJC activities and its development of a green
17 workforce strategic initiative.

18 *(b) The GCJC shall also confer with the appropriate state and*
19 *local agencies to coordinate the award of grant funds and green*
20 *workforce training funds received by the state under the federal*
21 *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (H.R.1).*

22 *(c) The GCJC shall make a finding that a proposed program*
23 *or expenditure to be funded pursuant to subdivision (b) is consistent*
24 *with the strategic initiative described in subdivision (a) and (b) of*
25 *Section 15002, prior to authorizing the expenditure of any funds*
26 *made available to the state pursuant to the federal American*
27 *Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (H.R.1).*